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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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Auditorium,
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MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Roland S. Inlow

CIA: Navy: Cdr. H. W. Gamber
State: Mr. L. A. Moyer, Jr. Air Force: Lt. Col. N. D. Thurman
DIA: NSA:
Army: Mr. J. C. St. Cyr

Office of the Chairman: Executive Secretary

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

NPIC: NRO:

SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPRESENTATION

ICRS:
COMIREX VHR Evaluation Panel:

ALTERNATES AND OBSERVERS PRESENT

CIA: Navy: Mr. J. M. Urban
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NOTE: This meeting focused almost exclusively on further discussion and drafting for the COMIREX response to USIB-D-46.4/36, 5 May 1970, and Memorandum to Holders, 8 May 1970. COMIREX-M-98 therefore does not include some of the Section categories usually contained in Minutes of regular COMIREX meetings. While not formally presented at the meeting, the usual reports on aircraft and drone activity in the Far East and Cuba and on coverage of special targets in the Far East are included to provide continuity of information.

Section III (Operations)

Report on Aircraft and Drone Activities

See Tab A for reports on aircraft and drone activities in the Far East and Cuba, and on coverage of special targets in the Far East.

Section IV (Action Items)

Guidance for National Reconnaissance Program Planning, FY 1972 and Beyond (COMIREX-D-13.16/8C)

1. Mr. Inlow outlined the proposed order of business for the meeting. The Committee would proceed in detail through the new drafts that had been circulated, make agreed changes, and end up the day with an appreciation of the best views of COMIREX at this point in time on the subjects covered. The complete package would then be put together in a clean draft and recirculated for concurrence by telephone unless it developed that another special meeting would be required. The target for submitting a response to USIB is c. o. b. Wednesday, 3 June.

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2. Mr. Inlow made general comments with regard to the drafts to be considered:

a. The proposed cover memorandum has taken conclusions from each of the three separate papers and provides a single set of conclusions for USIB consideration.

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d. The new VHR draft attempts to resolve the problems identified in the earlier draft.

3. Members reviewed each of the drafts, recommending and discussing proposed changes and the intended guidance that each proposed conclusion should convey to the NRO. With regard to VHR, it was generally agreed that there is an identified need for VHR imagery and that efforts to explore and perfect technology should be continued but that there should not be any major redirection of effort until the final report of the VHR Evaluation Panel has been completed.

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4. Several members noted that they anticipated problems with the current draft of the SALT paper, which they felt conveyed an overly optimistic impression of imagery capabilities to successfully monitor a SALT agreement.

5. It was agreed that another session would be required to complete final COMIREX coordination before forwarding the response to USIB. This meeting will be held in the Chairman's new office, Room 4E50, CIA Headquarters Building, on Wednesday, 3 June, at a time to be announced. /Subsequently, the meeting was held at 1330 on 3 June./

Use of Color Film on Mission 4329

6. The Chairman, ICRS, requested the Committee's affirmation for the scheduled inclusion of 550 feet of color film on Mission 4329. He noted the last COMIREX guidance (see COMIREX-M-87, 22 January 1970, page 14, Section IV, paragraph 7) provided that for the "next several GAMBIT missions" the NRO should plan for the inclusion of approximately one-day's color film, to be confirmed prior to each mission by ICRS. This already has been done for 4329 but [redacted] sought confirmation that the original guidelines still applied. The Committee agreed that 550 feet of color film should be included at the end of Mission 4329 and that ICRS should continue to review and confirm the use of color film on specific missions.

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Section V (Other Business)

Possible Need for Special Coverage on North Korea

The Alternate Army Member noted current concern over the possibility of an invasion of South Korea by the North Koreans during the next several weeks. He recommended, and the Committee agreed, that this be considered in planning upcoming missions and establishing coverage priorities.

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Executive Secretary

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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Report on Aircraft and Drone Activities
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FAR EAST

<u>BUFFALO HUNTER</u>		<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	
<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>			
			MARS	25X5
			MARS	
			MARS	
			MARS	
			*LOST	
			MARS	
			MARS	
			MARS	
			MARS	
			MARS	

*Originally reported as probably lost to enemy aircraft.
Subsequently changed to equipment malfunction.

Successful - 10

Lost - 1

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GIANT SCALE

None scheduled - primarily due to unsatisfactory weather conditions. A map showing coverage by GIANT SCALE [redacted] is on page A-5. Cumulative coverage by GIANT SCALE Missions [redacted] flown during the period [redacted] is shown on the map on page A-6. 25X1
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GIANT NAIL

Two scheduled missions were cancelled due to unsatisfactory weather conditions.

IDEALIST/TACKLE

None scheduled.

Coverage of Special Targets in South China and North Vietnam

a. Surveillance Coverage on Lines of Communication (LOC) Targets to Detect Introduction of Chinese Forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966).

The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam remains at 320. Surveillance coverage was reported on the following 16 targets in North Vietnam during the period 14-27 May 1970.

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b. Coverage of North Vietnam to Detect the Possible Introduction or Deployment of Offensive Missile Systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967, and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967).

See grid maps on pages A-7 and A-8 for coverage in the following time periods:

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>MISSIONS NOT REPORTED</u>
7 May - 13 May 70	0
14 May - 20 May 70	0

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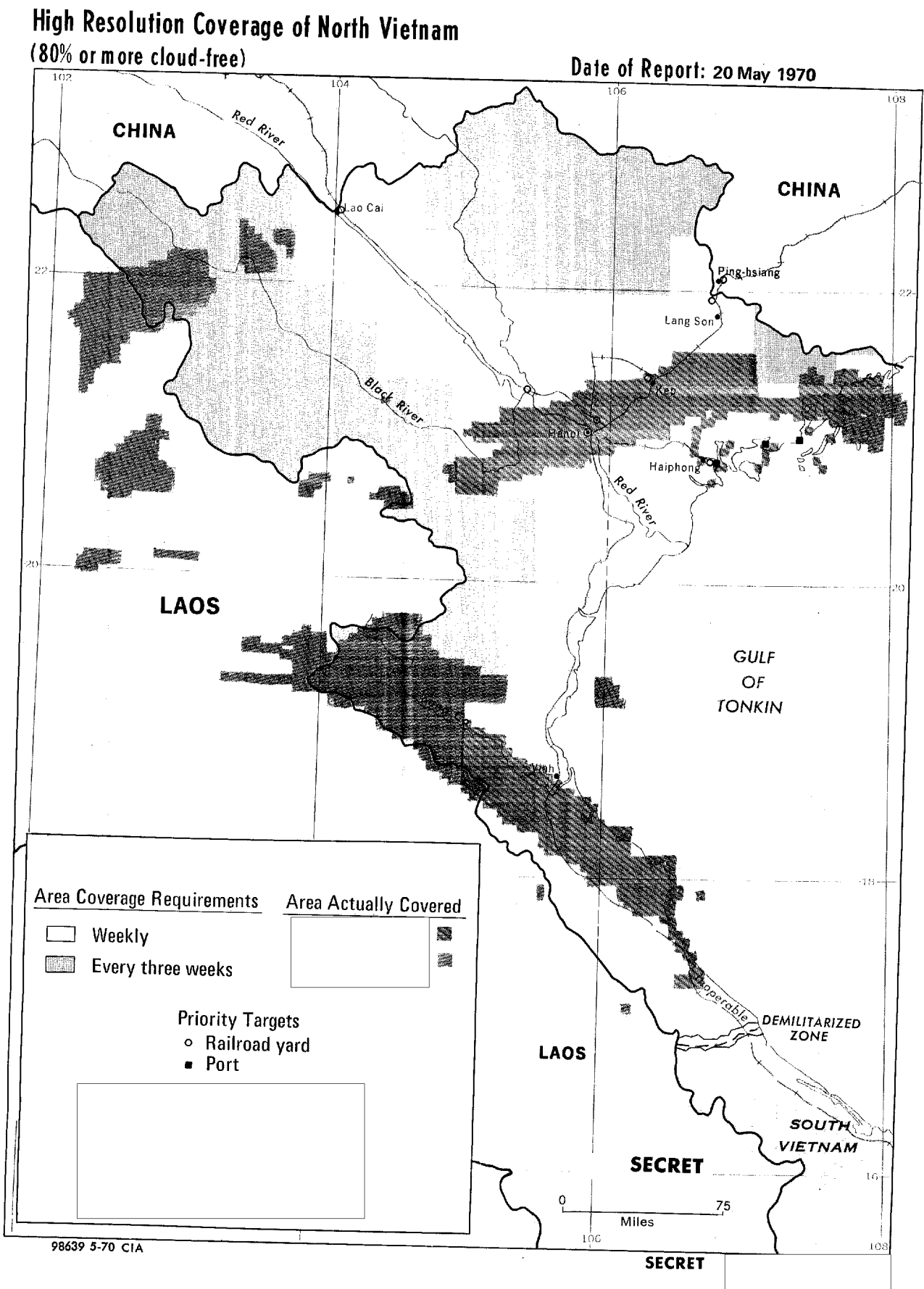
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High Resolution Coverage of North Vietnam
(80% or more cloud-free)

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